

Sherwood Community Gardens

Planting the Seeds

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Why start a Community Garden Program?



- Grow flowers, food and herbs
- Socialize with friends and neighbors
- Connect to nature
- Physical exercise
- Build sense of community
- Provide volunteer opportunities

Benefits of a Community Garden Program

- Foster relationships
- Lower food budgets for participating families
- Benefit psychological health
- Encourages physical activity



Sherwood Community Garden Basics

- Open dawn to dusk each day
- Open approximately April to October (weather dependent)
- Gardeners provide their own equipment (hoses, tools, seeds, soil amendments, etc)
- City provides framed beds, raised beds, several hose bibs
- Pesticide-free
- Community Areas

- Picnic tables for community areas
- Community board for community area
- Eagle Scout/Gold Award projects
- Partnering with the Sherwood Public Library, Metro, OSU Master Gardeners for educational classes
- Partnering with local businesses for product/services
- Reserved plots for food banks, lower income, etc.

Future Possibilities...



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- Children's garden area
- Free Little Library
- Peace pole

Fee Comparison of other Cities

Municipality	Lots size/cost
Beaverton	In-Ground 20 x 20 - \$50* Raised Bed 4 x 8 - \$15*
Hillsboro	In-Ground 20 x 20 - \$60; 15 x 20 - \$50; 10 x 20 - \$40 Raised Bed 4 x 12 - \$30
Lake Oswego	Plot w/ boarder & Raised Beds 10 x 20 - \$55 resident, \$69 non-resident Plot w/ boarder & Raised Beds 20 x 20 - \$80 resident, \$100 non-resident
Wilsonville	In-Ground 10 x 12 - \$22 Raised Bed 4 x 8 - \$25
THPRD	\$35 first plot / \$45 each additional plot (+\$10 out of district) 10 x 10; 12 x 12; 15 x 15 (a few plots available >10 x 10 = \$25)

*prices going up in 2016

Sherwood Community Garden Fees*

Plot Size	Fee
4 x 8 (elevated bed approx. 3' high)	\$30 (+\$10 non-resident)
10 x 20 (raised border)	\$45 (+\$10 non-resident)
20 x 20 (raised border)	\$60 (+\$10 non-resident)

*Subject to City Council approval on May 3, 2016.

Potential Partners



Potential Partner	Product / Service
Master Gardeners of Washington County	Resource
OSU Extension Services Master Gardeners	Resource
SOLVE	Resource
Metro Master Recyclers	Resource
SHS FFA, SHS Green Team, Local Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts	Resource / Volunteers / Labor
Lumber / Fencing / Home Improvement Companies	Supplies / Labor
Yard Debris / Recycling / Landscape Companies	Mulch / Compost / Soil
Local Churches / Schools	Land / Volunteers

- Started accepting applications April 18
- Fees approved by Council May 3
- Work party May 7
- Open to 10x20 and 20x20 mid-May
- Fenced mid-May
- Work party early June
- Open to 4x8 mid June

Next Steps





As of Monday, May 2, 2016